

## LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on  
January 11, 2016  
at the Department of Administration,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Conference Room B,  
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908

**Members Attending:** Cristina Amedeo, John Bucci, Melody Drnach, Annette Feldman, Kenneth Findlay, Rosita Hopper, Louise Herrington-Bright, Phyllis Humphrey, Monica Nazareth-Dzialo, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Robert Sloan, Thomas Viall

**Members Absent:** Ed Garcia, Phyllis Lynch, Alison Davis-Maxell, Doug Norris, Joan Ress Reeves

**Present from the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS):** Karen Andrews, Donna DiMichele, Karen Mellor

**Guests:** Dorothy Frechette, Executive Director, Rhode Island Library Information Network for Kids (RILINK); Walter Dzialo

### **Materials Distributed:**

- LBRI Member List of Appointments & Reappointments, dated January 11, 2016
- Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Delivery Survey Summary, dated January 11, 2016
- Article, *ALL Access Accelerates Libraries' Role in Adult Ed and Jobs Preparation*, (<http://www.rhodeislandlibraryreport.org/news-blog/all-access-accelerates-libraries-role-in-adult-ed-jobs-preparation>), dated January 7, 2016 from Rhode Island Library Report

### **I. WELCOME**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

### **II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the December 21, 2015, meeting**

The meeting minutes were approved without changes.

**Moved by:** Ms. Reynolds

**Seconded by:** Mr. Bucci

### **III. REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

#### **A. Adult Lifelong Learning (ALL)-Access Article**

Mr. Viall reported that an article about the ALL Access project, an IMLS grant-funded project of the Cranston Public Library and Providence Public Library over the past two years, is posted on the Rhode Island Library Report website. The Chair advised that stories from the article would be beneficial to include in discussions with legislators during the upcoming National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) in Washington, DC, in May 2016.

B. Redwood Library and Athenaeum

Mr. Viall reported that changes have been made to the Redwood Library and Athenaeum's policy to charge for admittance to the library. Ms. Mellor reported that RI library card holders will now be allowed free access to the Redwood Library. Redwood had recently begun charging an admittance fee to the library.

**IV. CHIEF OF LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

A. Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) State Program Report

Ms. DiMichele and Ms. Mellor continue their work to complete the LSTA State data report that is due to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) on January 29, 2016. The report structure is markedly different than in prior years, and, as a result, has been a more time-consuming process this year.

B. Grant-in-Aid (GIA) Distribution

GIA funding to public libraries is based on appropriation and expenditure data as reported by libraries through the Annual Report. If grant-in-aid to libraries in fiscal year 2017 is level-funded by the state, the amount of aid will be 21.2 % of the local appropriations and expenditures by municipalities on library services in 2015, and the amount expended by libraries from their private endowments.

C. Interlibrary Loan Delivery Service (ILL)

i. Delivery-on-Demand (DOD)

As of January 02, 2016, the ILL delivery schedule was revised based on the biannual delivery count conducted by OLIS, ILL statistics gathered through the Library of Rhode Island (LORI) membership certification, and historic data on DOD. Changes to the schedule affected public libraries, academic libraries, special libraries and school libraries. Due to feedback received from school librarians and RILINK, OLIS is evaluating the impact of the delivery schedule on the schools, and is seeking ways to better track the number of items that move in the delivery system.

ii. OLIS Library Cards for LORI Members

To facilitate ILL transactions for LORI libraries that are not members of Ocean State Libraries (OSL) or HELIN, OLIS is considering issuing OLIS library cards to these LORI libraries. The goal is to allow requesting and supplying libraries to track materials that are shared with libraries outside the two consortia. This issue will be discussed at the next Ocean State Libraries (OSL) Steering Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2016.

D. American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter Conference

The ALA Midwinter Conference took place in Boston, MA, on January 8-12. Ms. Mellor attended the event on Friday, January 8, and Sunday, January 10. Ms. DiMichele attended the event on Saturday, January 9.

Ms. DiMichele reported on her attendance at ALA, including attendance at a session titled 'Aspen Institute Dialogue on Public Libraries.' The session focused on the report *Rising to the Challenge: Re-Envisioning Public Libraries*, also referenced as 'The Aspen Report.' Based on the report and beta-testing of its recommendations in public libraries around the country, *Action Guide for Re-Envisioning Your Public Library* was released on January 9, 2016. The Action Guide is online at [www.libraryvision.org](http://www.libraryvision.org)

Ms. Mellor reported on a meeting of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) held in conjunction with ALA Midwinter. She also participated in a meeting about a potential interstate library lending cooperative that would deliver library items between northeastern states. Massachusetts and Rhode Island currently utilize the same delivery service vendor. In attendance at the meeting were representatives from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island.

E. National Library Legislative Day (NLLD)

Registration for NLLD is open on the ALA website, which is scheduled for May 2-3, 2016 in Washington, D.C. Mr. Viall recommended the NLLD event to the board members and described the event. The Chair requested that LBRI members who wish to attend NLLD contact Ms. Andrews.

## **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Legislation

Ms. Reynolds reported that she has not discovered any new legislation regarding libraries. Mr. Viall recommended the use of <https://scout.sunlightfoundation.com/> as a resource to track legislation that impacts libraries.

B. Library Construction Reimbursement Regulations Review

A meeting of the Library Construction Reimbursement Regulations Review Committee is scheduled for 5 p.m. on January 14, 2016, at Cranston Public Library. Ms. Feldman, Mr. Bucci, Ms. Drnach, and Ms. Kay Bullard, newly-retired librarian from Providence Public Library, will participate as members of the review team, with Ms. Mellor.

## **VI. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

A. Mr. Findlay

Mr. Findlay reported that the Exeter Public Library is providing passport service.

B. Mr. Viall

Mr. Viall reported that a former LBRI board member, Ms. Carol Terry, will be retiring from Rhode Island School of Design after many years of service.

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Library Services Strategic Plan: Environmental Scan

Ms. Mellor reported that OLIS will be investigating a consultant to assist OLIS in the process of completing an environmental scan for its new strategic plan.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. ILL Delivery Service to School Libraries**

Mr. Viall reported that Ms. Dorothy Frechette has written a letter of concern to Ms. Mellor and him about how the recent changes to the ILL delivery schedule affect school libraries.

Ms. Mellor reported on the reason for the changes that were made to the delivery schedule. Twice a year, LORI members submit a delivery count to OLIS for their libraries. Data from the biannual delivery count, along with ILL statistics gathered through the annual LORI membership certification and historic data on DOD, are used to adjust the delivery schedule for maximum efficiency and effectiveness.

Ms. Frechette spoke about the recent changes made to the state-funded, ILL delivery service and how these changes are viewed by the school libraries. The concern of school librarians is that student needs will not be met in a timely manner because items are taking too long to get to school libraries. Ms. Frechette also expressed concern that items are not being returned to school libraries in a timely manner, and that the current ILL schedule does not work for the school libraries.

School librarians have advised RILINK that the availability of state ILL delivery services are key to membership in the RILINK organization. RILINK management is concerned that RILINK membership will be affected by the ILL delivery schedule changes.

Due to these concerns, RILINK will investigate alternatives to using the OLIS delivery system, including using US Postal Services to deliver materials between school libraries. Ms. Frechette also advised that RILINK school librarians are averse to using their interschool delivery services to transfer books within a school system, or the development of interschool delivery hubs within a school system. School librarians are concerned that school libraries would have to assume responsibility for library items for a portion of the delivery transit process over which they have no control.

Ms. Mellor reported that biannual data reported by the schools for the delivery count process is not always consistent with requests for delivery from the schools. Ms. Frechette advised that schools have few resources, and the OLIS biannual delivery count process for data gathering is not a priority for school librarians to complete.

### **B. Election of LBRI Vice Chair**

Mr. Viall called for nominations for the LBRI Vice-Chair position. The Vice-Chair is the alternate for the Chair when the Chair is absent. A motion was made to retain Ms. Reynolds as the Vice-Chair until further LBRI board nominations are made by the Governor and RI Legislature.

**Moved by:** Mr. Findlay

**Seconded by:** Dr. Hopper

The board unanimously approved the nomination of Ms. Reynolds to continue to serve as the LBRI Vice-Chair.

**C. LBRI Member Term Expirations**

Mr. Viall discussed the handout about LBRI term expirations. Appointments by the Governor and RI State Legislature are based on three-year terms. As such, appointees may begin their term in the middle of its time span. The result is that some members do not serve a full term after their initial appointment.

**D. Appointments to Standing LBRI Committees**

LBRI member appointments were made by the Chair to the following LBRI Committees:

- Appeals Committee: Ms. Dzialo, Mr. Findlay, and Ms. Herrington-Bright

The Appeals Committee is tasked with arbitrating appeals from libraries as they relate to decisions made by the Chief of Library Services in the areas of Public Library or Library of Rhode Island (LORI) Standards and Regulations, and state aid awards.

- Policy Review Committee: Ms. Drnach, Dr. Hopper, and Mr. Sloan

The Policy Review Committee is tasked with reviewing the policies of the LBRI on a consistent basis as established by a schedule.

- Legislative Committee: Mr. Garcia, Ms. Humphrey, and Ms. Reynolds

The Legislative Committee is tasked with monitoring legislation that affects libraries and reporting findings to the board.

Mr. Viall advised LBRI members who wish to continue serving on the board to contact him or Ms. Mellor. Board members serve on the board until they are replaced by an appointee by the Governor and RI Legislature.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was made.

**X. FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next LBRI meeting is scheduled for February 08, 2016, from 4:15 – 5:45 p.m. at the Department of Administration, Conference Room B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

**Moved by:** Dr. Hopper

**Seconded by:** Mr. Findlay